



The Family Altar Sunday: A Day Dedicated to Purpose, Power, and Prayer

Dear Church Family,

The late pastor and writer E.M. Bounds once wrote:

"Blessed is the home which has in it an altar of sacrifice and of prayer, where daily thanksgivings ascend to heaven and where morning and night praying is done."

Over time, many families have lost the wonder of worshipping together. Life is busy, full of distractions, and often weighed down with burdens. In the rush of daily commitments, the quiet moments of prayer and worship at home can easily be forgotten.



Jesus saw this same weariness in His own ministry. Scripture tells us He was moved with compassion for the scattered and burdened (Matthew 9:36). To them—and to us today—He offers this invitation: *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest... For My yoke is easy and My burden is light"* (Matthew 11:28-30). Could it be that your own family is in need of this rest?

At Pittsboro Baptist Church, we are blessed with many families who love Jesus and one another well. The strength of these families is one of the greatest testimonies of our church. As we continue to grow, it is vital that we remain intentional about drawing strength from the Lord, prioritizing prayer, and renewing our devotion to Him together.

With that in mind, I am excited to invite you to a special day of worship and renewal we are calling **"The Family Altar Sunday" on November 16th.**

For many today, the "family altar" is a forgotten concept. In Scripture, altars were sacred places of worship, sacrifice, and covenant renewal. Abraham built altars where God revealed Himself (Genesis 12:7-8). Joshua declared, *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"* (Joshua 24:15). Solomon dedicated Israel's worship at the altar of the new Temple (1 Kings 8:28-29). These were powerful moments when God's people gathered to seek Him together.

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Encouragement from Pastor Peter *(continued)*

In the same way, "The Family Altar Sunday" will be a day set apart for our church family to restore this practice of gathering before the Lord. The day will include:

Special breakout groups for men, women, children, and youth, covering topics such as:

- "The Priority of Family Worship"
- "How to Have a Quiet Time"
- "How to Know God's Will for My Life"
- "Being a Generation After God's Heart"
- "Being Priests of the Home"
- "Expecting God's Activity in My Family"

Worship services in the morning and evening will feature:

- Family testimonies
- Intentional church-wide prayer time
- Songs of worship
- Messages from God's Word on the purpose of families daily coming to the "altar."

We will have lunch after the morning worship service

More details and a full schedule will be shared soon, but I encourage you to mark **Sunday, November 16th** on your calendar now. My prayer is that this will be an unforgettable day of worship, teaching, prayer, and fellowship—a time when God will be glorified as we seek Him together.

You are loved!

Peter



Grace Notes from Pastor Lincoln

A Recap of the Renewing Worship Expo

This past weekend, a group of thirteen from our church traveled to Statesville, NC, to take part in the Renewing Worship Expo. It was a rich time of worship, learning, and fellowship, and we are grateful to our church family for the encouragement and support you continually give to our worship and audio/visual teams.

We were especially thankful to have Pastor Peter and several others from the congregation join us. Their presence made the experience even more meaningful as we grew together in faith and purpose.



Friday Night Worship

Some of our team arrived early for the opening night of worship, led by the Liberty University Collective, the Liberty Praise Choir, and Bradley and Holly Knight. The evening was marked by both musical excellence and heartfelt leadership that pointed us to Christ.

One song, *All Things*, left a lasting impression on our group. Its refrain—"You are working all things for my good. When I cannot see it, God I still believe it"—was a timely reminder that even when we do not see or feel it, God is faithfully at work in our lives. Worshiping together as a church family that evening was especially moving; many of us sang, prayed, and even wept side by side as the Lord worked in our midst.

Saturday Sessions

Saturday brought a full day of teaching and workshops. Dr. Joe Crider, Worship Pastor and seminary professor, challenged us with a powerful keynote on the role of worship in the life of God's people. Some of his main points included:

- Our theology informs our philosophy, which informs our methodology.
- If worship is defined only by music, we miss the full richness of biblical worship.
- Division over music separates the church; Christ unites it.

Worship is not optional for the believer.

Throughout the day, our group split up to attend a variety of breakout sessions. Our AV team explored creative and cost-effective ways to improve sound quality. Others attended classes on guitar, vocal training, worship leadership, choir conducting, and even the question of why some people do not sing in worship. Each session offered fresh insight and practical tools for ministry.

The day also included time to share meals together—naturally featuring plenty of Chick-fil-A—and to reflect as a group on what we were learning. The fellowship was as meaningful as the teaching itself.



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Grace Notes from Pastor Lincoln *(continued)*

Closing Worship & Final Message

The Expo concluded with one final time of worship, led by Bradley Knight and a combined choir, followed by a closing charge from Dr. Crider. He reminded us that:

- Our hearts are prone not only to wander but also to seek God's glory for ourselves—so we must pray, *"Not to us, Lord, but to Your name be the glory."*
- We become like the one we revere—so may we revere Christ above all.
Our God is a speaking, seeing, and hearing God—He alone is our help and our shield.

It was a stirring conclusion to a weekend filled with encouragement, conviction, and renewal.

Looking Ahead

As a church family, may we continue to invest in the next generation of worshippers, trusting in the Lord who is our help and our shield.
— *Pastor Lincoln*

With grace and peace,

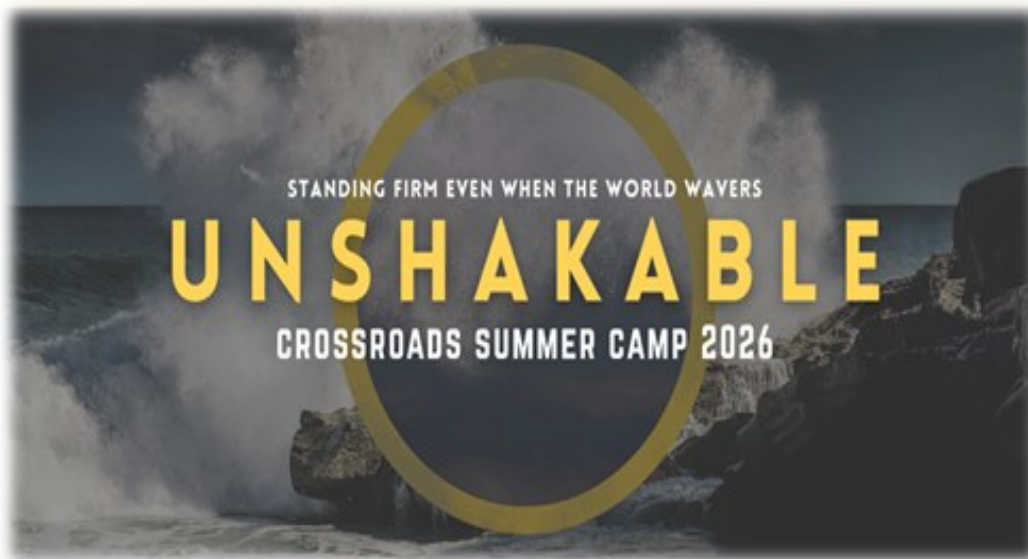
Lincoln



The word "Forge" means to form, especially by concentrated effort; it means to shape or form an object or element by heating and hammering to mold it into a new shape. Our youth are in a study on Sunday mornings called "Forged: Faith Refined." We're beginning a new unit of lessons on "Worship." Together we'll be learning: What is worship? Whom do we worship? How is my life an act of worship? Why should people gather to worship? How do I worship God with my resources? AND much more! All youth are invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am for Bible study!



Crossroads Summer Camp 2026



As everyone thinks about and schedules their summer plans, we want to be sure that the best week of summer for your child is taken care of 😊!

Crossroads Summer Camp is happening **June 22-26, 2026** in Anderson, SC!

We have 55 spots reserved to be filled until **February 1st, 2026** with a \$75 deposit due to officially lock in your child's spot. Sign-ups will begin in November.

~ PBC Youth Ministry At a Glance ~



Youth Flags, Flames, and Fun Night of Fellowship - October 19th. We're embracing the Fall season with Flag Football, a huge game of capture the Flag, and gather around a campfire for food and fellowship. The sign-up link can be found in our weekly youth email. All youth are welcome! The event will be held at Christian and Ashley Batcheller's home from 4pm - 7:15pm.

What We're Studying



The world culture is a strong river raging against God's way and toward a great fall. It would be easy for us to simply float along, but God calls His people to go against the flow, choosing Christ-centered living in a self-centered world. On Wednesday nights, our youth and parents will be learning how to have unwavering faith, all-in commitment, ongoing encouragement, and active witness for Christ. Join us for Youth Encounter and parent Connect on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in the PBC Fellowship Hall!

Shining His Light: Kelsie Houston's Journey

At PBC, we're blessed with some incredible students in our youth ministry. Each one has a unique story of how God is working in and through their lives. Our hope is that you'll not only get to know them better but also be encouraged by the ways they're living out their faith and making a difference for Christ in their everyday world. Each month, we'll highlight a different student, and we can't wait for you to be inspired by their journey.

This month, we're thrilled to introduce you to Kelsie Houston, a 9th grader at The Woods Charter School. Kelsie is 14 years old, enjoys English, and has a passion for both dance and surfing. Fun fact: she's even surfed in Costa Rica, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico!

Recently, God placed it on Kelsie's heart to launch a student-led Bible club at her school. Along with three friends—Lauren, EJ, and Hudson—she stepped out in faith to create a space where students could gather weekly to grow in Christ. What started as a small step of obedience has quickly blossomed into something amazing: more than 30 students are now attending their Youth Commission International (YCI) Club each week.

YCI clubs are designed to be fun, Christ-centered, and outreach-focused gatherings that run about 30 minutes. Students come together for fellowship, Bible study, and planning ways to impact their community for Jesus.

We couldn't be prouder of Kelsie for her courage and faith in leading this ministry. She has asked us to join her in prayer—for wisdom as she and her team lead, for the club to build a strong sense of community rooted in Christ, and for more students to rise up with a heart for their schools and boldness to live out their faith.

Let's lift up Kelsie, her friends, and the entire YCI Club, trusting that God will continue to do great things through them! Way to go, Kelsie!



Feed The Stampede

PBC has been contacted by the Northwood Football Coach and our own PBC family member, Dalton Brown, about feeding the NHS Varsity Football team on these dates in October.

Dates: 10/3, 10/31

Location: The meals will take place at the Northwood High Cafeteria.

Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

How can you help: Provide food - help serve meal to the team - Make a monetary donation to meals

If you are willing to help serve the meal on 10/3 or 10/31 or any of the other dates, please let Jennifer Davis know,

Jennifer can be reached by phone or text at 919/704-6480 or by email at Davisgal0422@gmail.com

Information about the other meals will be sent out as those dates get closer.

This is a great opportunity to support Dalton as he ministers to these young people in our community. Go Chargers!!!





Quarterly Church Conference
Wednesday, October 15, 2025
at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

PBC Committee Leadership Meeting

November 18, 2025 6-8pm



Guest Speaker: Todd Unzicker,
Executive Director Treasurer of NC
Baptist State Convention

2026 Vision Casting and
Planning for Committee
Leads and Members

**How will your committee REACH,
DISCIPLE, and LOVE this year?**

REACH
Matthew 5:16

DISCIPLE
Matthew 28:19-20

LOVE
1 John 4:19

Guitar & Vocal Workshops

October 11, 2025

9:30am—10:30am—Guitar

10:45am—11:45am—Vocal

(If you are interested in attending one of these Workshops, please contact Pastor Lincoln).



Dwell

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF WORSHIP

**Friday, October 3rd
7pm**

**Pittsboro Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall**

Light Snacks will be Served



SAVE THE DATE

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Christmas

PREPARE HIM ROOM

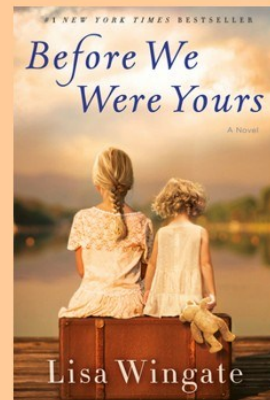
Friday, November 21st @ 7pm
Pittsboro Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
Light Snacks will be Served



Rock of Pages Book Club

Next meeting: **October 27, 7:00p.m.**
Church Fellowship Hall
All ladies invited to join us.

We will be discussing
Before We Were Yours: a Novel
by Lisa Wingate

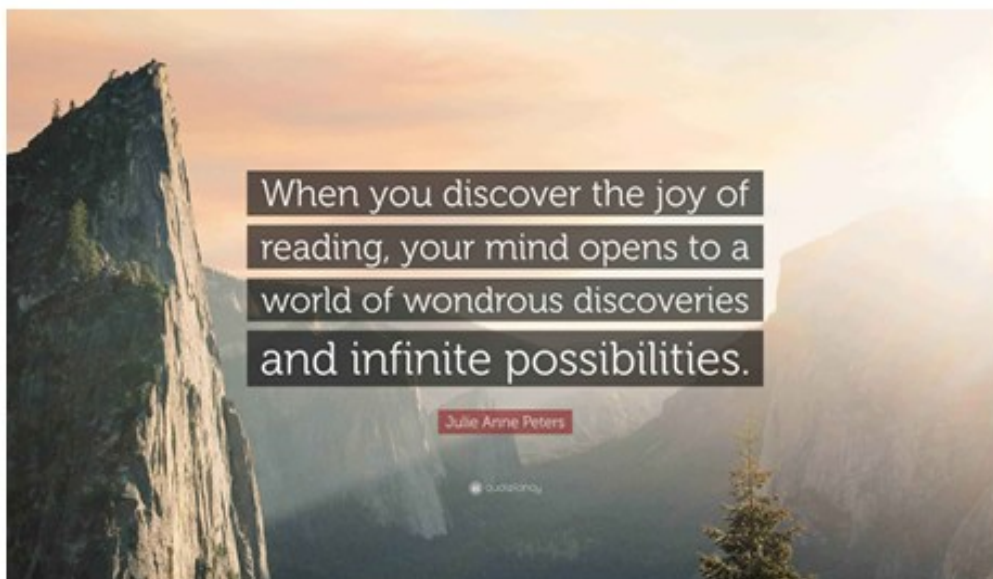


Rock of Pages Charter Members

Congratulations to each of these ladies for being **Charter Members** of the Pittsboro Baptist Church Summer Book Club, **Rock of Pages**. The book club met the last Wednesday of each of the summer months where members discussed the following books: June-*The Masterpiece* by Francine Rivers; July -*The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom; and August - *I Am in Here* by Creston Mapes.

Judy Beaver
Rachel Cain
Jennifer Cashion
Traci Christian
Allison Crutchfield
Janet Crutchfield
Jennifer Davis
Kathi Fassinger
Sandra Goodwin
Donna Harmon
Kelly Kivette
Jessica Kleboe
Julie LoRusso

Miranda May
Erica Melton
Vicky Oldham
Pam Romel
Carole Sanders
Kathy Shaffer
Chelsea Shandrick
Cindy Springle
Christine Trogon
Kelly Truesdale
Marilyn Tyndall
Jessica Vrvilo
Jenice Walton



Summer Book Club Becomes Year Round

What defines success? For the *Rock of Pages Summer Book Club* becoming a year-round book club at the request of its members could be one measurement. PBC Women's Ministry Director Rachel Cain thought a book club for the summer months would be a fun activity. Bringing in the PBC Library volunteers to make it happen was logical, though Library Committee Chair Kathy Shaffer had never participated in a book club. Shaffer asked fellow library committee member Cindy Springle to advise, and plans were made.

Thirty-two ladies signed up, with twenty-five of them attending one or more of the three meetings. At the end of the second meeting's insightful discussion of *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom, several members of the group stated they wanted the club to continue year-round. The majority agreed.

The *Rock of Pages Summer Book Club* is now the *Rock of Pages Book Club* with a few changes in operating procedures. The group will meet the last Monday of each month rather than Wednesdays but continue to convene in the fellowship hall at 7:00p.m. Snacks will not be provided. Members of the club will rotate as facilitators with the club voting on book selections. Participation is open-ended, allowing anyone to attend meetings without advance notice. It will remain, however, a book club for ladies only.

Shaffer, who facilitated the summer meetings, found another measure of success. Chelsea Shandrick joined the group as a personal challenge to try something different. She had never read a book from cover-to-cover, using Cliff notes and friends' summations to get her through high school reading requirements. After reading *The Masterpiece* by Francine Rivers, a 400+ page tome, she was hooked on books to the point of even buying a Kindle. Shaffer commented that Chelsea's new-found love of reading made all of the "work" on the club worthwhile.

All PBC ladies and friends are invited to attend the October 27 meeting, 7:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Before We Were Yours: A Novel* by Lisa Wingate will be discussed with Julie LoRusso facilitating.

Are you single? Feeling like you're missing out on connecting with others in this season?

Looking for fun things to do on the weekend in a safe and inviting atmosphere?

PBC's new ministry might be just the thing for you!



Who: Singles, ages 25+ (never married, divorced, with or without children, widowed)

What: B.L.A.S.T. (Building Lives Around Single Truth) was designed to find joy in the ebbs and flows of this season! It's a great opportunity to get together with like-minded people to laugh, connect, and have fun in a safe, Christian environment

When: October 11 & October 25 at 5:30pm
(2nd and 4th Saturdays)

Where: The Fellowship Hall @ PBC

Come check us out and invite your friends and neighbors!



Journaling Disciples
**BIBLE JOURNALING
WORKSHOP**

LEARN TO LOVE STUDYING THE WORD
THROUGH BIBLE JOURNALING

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

A FULL DAY OF HAND LETTERING, BIBLE
JOURNALING, LUNCH, GIVEAWAYS AND FUN!

9:30 AM-3:00 PM

\$40 PER PERSON

All needed materials and lunch included

REGISTER AT
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Registration Deadline October 22, 2025

Pittsboro Baptist Church

121 W Salisbury St, Pittsboro, NC 27312



Bible Journaling Workshop

Learn to Love Studying the Word through Bible Journaling

As the Psalmist wrote, "My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer" (Psalm 45:1).

The *Psalms* are evidence that David journaled. Others who journal have noted that it allows them to "process thoughts, emotions, and experiences in a way that's both therapeutic and spiritually enriching by examining them in light of God's Word. It can be a powerful tool for spiritual growth." *

Maybe you have thought about journaling but just didn't know where to start or maybe you would like to learn techniques to make it an even deeper experience. The Pittsboro Baptist Church Women's Ministry is sponsoring a ***Bible Journaling Workshop***, "to teach women to become better disciples of Christ Jesus, and learn to love abiding with Him in His Word in a more impactful way."

The workshop, presented by *Journaling Disciples Ministries*, is November 1, 9:30 a.m. until 3:00p.m. in the PBC Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$40 per person which includes all needed materials and lunch. Register at www.journalingdisciples.com and click on EVENTS in the menu. Deadline for registration is October 22.

More information about the workshop can be found at the *Journaling Disciples Ministries* website. The workshop is open to ladies at Pittsboro Baptist Church and any other women who would like to attend. If you have additional questions, please contact Rachel Cain: rachelandbriancaain@gmail.com, call/text 940.395.6785.

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*paraphrased from internet site *Notebook and Penguin*.





**October Birthdays
and Anniversaries**

3	Richard Smith	20	Pastor Peter McDonald
4	Jason Pintuff		Jean Tubbs
6	Amy Dibb	21	Kevin Mitchell
10	Karl Shaffer		Jason & Cari Ann Walls ♥
	Dennis & Miranda May ♥	22	Hunter Brown
11	Preston Dietrich	24	Dominic Trogon
	Roderick & Katherine Parker ♥	25	Chelsea Shandrick
	Wayne & Tina Phillips ♥	26	Jordan & Jessica Vrvilo ♥
12	Frank Jurius	28	Matthew Cashion
16	Tracie Christian		Olivia Melton
	Collin Kilpatrick	29	Todd & Jenice Walton ♥
	Pete Deichler	31	George & Joan Lisenbe ♥
17	Darby Powers		
	Eric Truesdale		
	Ashley Batcheller		
	Easton Brown		



Ushers

Charlie Hudgins, Bill Griffin,
Munro Parker & Jimmy Davis

Greeters

Jason & Susan Pintuff



Infant



October 5
October 12
October 19
October 26

Jessica Vrvilo & Brooke Smith
Ashley Batcheller & Sunny Allen
Jon & Melissa Harshman
Tara & Jenna Smith

Toddler



October 5
October 12
October 19
October 26

Tara, Micah, Mali McDonald
Kelly Smith & Meredith Tetterton
Amber Kilpatrick & Darby Powers
Hunter & Hannah Brown



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Kimberly Houston & Janet Crutchfield
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News from the Pearle Johnson Memorial Library

Sunday Library Schedule

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

There is something for everyone in the PBC Library. This month's selections include a murder mystery, a fictionalized story about King David's second wife, and a Newberry Award winner for our younger readers. Come to the library next Sunday to see what is there for you.

Deadline

by Randy Alcorn

When tragedy strikes those closest to him, Jake Woods must draw upon all his resources to uncover the truth about the suspicious accident. Soon he finds himself swept up in a murder investigation that is both complex and dangerous. Unaware of the threat to his own life, Jake is drawn in deeper and deeper as he desperately searches for

the answers to the immediate mystery at hand and—ultimately—the deeper meaning of his own existence.

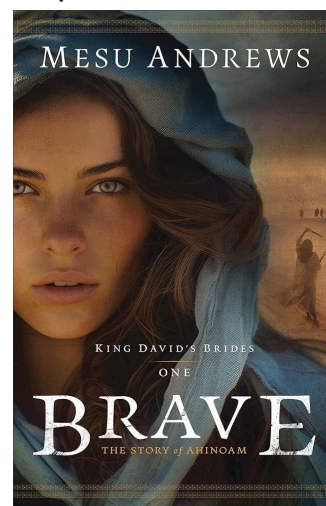
Deadline is a dramatic and vivid novel of substance, filled with hope and perspective for every reader who longs to feel purpose in life.

King David's Bride

by Mesu Andrews

In the tumultuous world of ancient Israel, Ahinoam--a fierce and unconventional Kenite woman--flees her family farm with her dagger-wielding father to join the rag-tag band of misfits led by the shepherd-turned-warrior David ben Jesse. As King Saul's treasonous accusations echo through

the land, Ahinoam's conviction that David's anointing makes him Yahweh's chosen king propels her on a perilous journey to Moab, only to encounter hardship and betrayal.



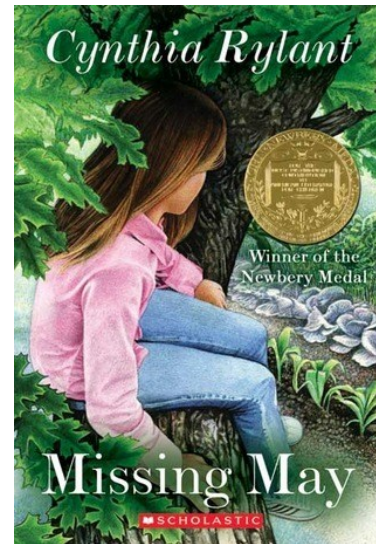
Amid the unforgiving Judean wilderness, Ahinoam forges an unexpected bond with David's sister, Zeruiah.

Through her Kenite metalworking heritage, Ahinoam gains respect among David's army, and the soldiers' wives offer friendship. However, scarred by painful past relationships, Ahinoam isolates to avoid new friendships and refuses to acknowledge her growing feelings for the renegade king. As Ahinoam's heart grapples for footing, King Saul's army closes in, and Ahinoam must confront the true meaning of love, loyalty, and courage. Is she brave enough to love Israel's next king? Bestselling author Mesu Andrews presents a gripping biblical-era series, weaving a narrative of resilience and the transformative power of faith.

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Missing May**by Cynthia Rylant***A Newberry Award winner*

Ever since May, Summer's aunt and good-as-a-mother for the past six years, died in the garden among her pole beans and carrots, life for Summer and her Uncle Ob has been as bleak as winter. Ob doesn't want to create his beautiful whirligigs anymore, and he and Summer have slipped into a sadness that they can't shake off. They need May in whatever form they can have her -- a message, a whisper, a sign that will tell them what to do next. When that sign comes, Summer will discover that she and Ob can keep missing May but still go on with their lives. A beloved classic about grief, gardens, and the enduring love of family.



Library Schedule

**9-9:30a.m.****10-10:25a.m.****October 5****Judy Beaver****Sue Devinney****October 12****Cindy Springle****Susie Griffin****October 19****Deborah Dismuke****Roderick Parker****October 26****Ann Mills****Kathy Shaffer**

October 2025

October is Pastor Appreciation Month A Prayer for Pastor Appreciation Day—

Dear God,

We pray for our pastors to be encouraged. We ask that you would minister to them and give them a deeper sense of hope. Send laborers into their lives to extend needed help, support, and friendship.

Amen.

“We are so grateful for the countless hours you have spent praying for us, counseling us, and leading us closer to God. Your love for this community does not go unnoticed.” “Pastor, your words have been a guiding light in my life. Thank you for your wisdom, your faith, and your love for our church”.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			8:00am—Men’s Bible Study at Bojangles 10:00am—Prayer Quilters 5:00pm—The Table—Community Love Meal 6:30pm—Dinner, JD’s, Youth Encounter, Parent Connect		Feed the Stampede 7:00pm—Dwell, Women’s Night of Worship	
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9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Sunday Service-Deacon Ordination 2:30pm - GriefShare	9:30am - Staff meeting 10:00am—Women’s Monday School	6:30pm—Women’s Bible Study 7:00pm—Property Management Meeting	8:00am—Men’s Bible Study at Bojangles 10:00am—Prayer Quilters 6:30pm—Dinner, JD’s, Youth Encounter, Parent Connect			9:30am—10:30am—Guitar 10:45am—11:45am—Vocal 5:30pm—B.L.A.S.T
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